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## NOTES from the DEPARTMENT

### CT DOAG ANNOUNCES NEW ENGLAND FARMLAND FINDER WEBSITE

*By Jane Slupecki; Marketing Representative*

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture's FarmLink Program has announced a new complementary website for locating and listing farmland, the New England Farmland Finder, [www.newenglandfarmlandfinder.org](http://www.newenglandfarmlandfinder.org).

Part of a region-wide, USDA funded project on farmland access, this website culminates a regional working group's effort to concretely implement a charge to help improve access to working lands in the six New England states. The overall project is directed by [Land for Good](#).

Kathy Ruhf, Land for Good co-director and project lead, observed, "This site complements other New England farm link and land access programs. It educates, helps, and supports land seekers and landowners regionally, providing a wide gateway to these services and making them more accessible to a broader audience."

The website was developed using two years of discussions and suggestions, and represents teamwork by a consortium of interested organizations and collaboration of New England organizations focused on how to best improve farmland access issues. It enhances—not replaces—each partnering state's efforts to match new farmers with available land.

On the Connecticut FarmLink Program site, there typically are about three times as many farm seekers as farmland owners. Farm owners are usually not farmers, and not from the Department of Agriculture's usual customer base, so typically it is their first call to the agency. They hear about the Connecticut FarmLink Program through word of mouth.

Farm seekers, on the other hand, usually find the Connecticut FarmLink site while searching for information on how to start a farm or while searching for farmland for sale or rent. The New England Farmland Finder will increase their chances of successfully finding information about the program. It also will serve as an additional site to search for land to farm.

The Connecticut FarmLink site and program can only do so much for Connecticut residents. It is small sampling of the land available. Calls come in from all over the country to ask about farmland in Connecticut. However, finding farm owners willing to lease or sell arable, affordable land is a challenge. Furthermore, the farm owner and farm seeker must negotiate their own lease or purchase agreement, creating a smaller opportunity for success.

Connecticut FarmLink does not list out-of-state property. It refers those seekers to other state farm link programs. However, some states do not presently have programs. Farm seekers from other states also call Connecticut to search for land anywhere in New England. The Connecticut FarmLink Program does not provide this service.

On the up side, the Connecticut FarmLink Program has given the Connecticut Department of Agriculture valuable information needed for the farm linking process. It has shown that both land owners and young people interested in farming do want this type of service, demonstrated by the calls, emails, and applications the agency receives.

The New England Farmland Finder website will continue to fill that need, promote the use of land for farming, and fill a void for some of the situations that arise day to day for the Connecticut FarmLink Program.

Now Connecticut and other New England state farm link and farm match coordinators can direct individuals with multi-state needs to this regional site, increasing the chances of linking people with land in New England. The partner states value their young people who hope to farm and want them to stay in the region. The states also want to help their existing farmers find land in New England and increase their acreage in production in the region.

Kathy Ruhf added, "This site also makes it easier for towns and organizations to let farmers know about their available farms and farmland."

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**WHOLESALE PEPPERS SHIPPED IN**

	Low	High
AJIES,20lb,DR	32.00	35.00
ANAHEIM,10lb,NC	16.00	18.00
BELL,Grn,jmb,1-1/9bu,SC	22.00	24.00
BELL,Rd,11lb,Grnhs,CA	14.00	18.00
CHERRY HOT,1/2bu,SC	33.00	33.00
CUBANELLES,1-1/9bu,GA	14.00	18.00
FINGER HOT,1/2bu,DR	18.00	20.00
FRESNO,10lb,red,MX	26.00	26.00
HABANERO,8lb,DR	24.00	25.00
JALAPENO,1/2bu,FL	12.00	14.00
LONG HOT,1 1/9bu GA	35.00	35.00

**NEW HOLLAND, PA, HOG AUCTION**

June 18, 2012

Hogs sold by actual weights, prices quoted by hundred weight.

49-54	220-270 lbs	74.50-77.00
	227-400 lbs	73.00-76.50
	300-400lbs	n/a
Sows: US 1-3	300-500 lbs	48.00-50.00
	500-700 lbs	51.50-53.00
45-49	500-700lbs	n/a
Boars:	300-700 lbs	24.00-25.00

**MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION**

Middlefield, June 18, 2012

Live animals brought the following ave. prices per cwt.

	Low	High
45-60 lbs.	48.00	58.00
61-75 lbs.	85.00	100.00
76-90 lbs.	115.00	120.00
91-105 lbs.	125.00	135.00
106 lbs. & up	140.00	150.00
Farm Calves	160.00	180.00
Starter Calves	50.00	70.00
Veal Calves	60.00	360.00
Open Heifers	80.00	120.00
Beef Heifers	70.00	85.00
Beef Steers	101.00	124.00
Feeder Steers	85.00	95.00
Stock Bulls	108.00	115.00
Beef Bulls	100.00	110.00
Boars	n/a	n/a
Sows	n/a	n/a
Butcher Hogs	one at	55.00
Goats each	70.00	155.00
Kid Goats	30.00	75.00
Canners	Up to	81.00
Cutters	82.00	85.00
Utility Grade Cows	86.50	96.00
Rabbits each	5.00	23.00
Chickens each	5.00	17.00
Ducks each	6.00	24.00
Feeder Pigs	135.00	135.00
Lambs	75.00	210.00
Sheep	75.00	95.00



**WHOLESALE VEGETABLES NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

	Low	High
BEETS, 12s	12.00	12.00
CABBAGE, Grn, 50lb	10.00	12.00
CHARD, Rnbw, 12s	15.00	15.00
CHIVES, 12s	7.00	7.00
CIDER, 9-1/2gal	18.00	18.00
CILANTRO, 24s	13.00	14.00
CORN, 5dz	20.00	22.00
KALE, 12s	12.00	12.00
LETTUCE, Bstn, 12/4oz	14.00	16.00
LETTUCE, Grn lf, 24ct	10.00	13.00
LETTUCE, Rmn, 24ct	10.00	13.00
PEAS, Englsh, bu	25.00	35.00
PEAS, Snp, 10lb	18.00	20.00
PEAS, Snw, 10lb	20.00	20.00
RADISHES, 24s	10.00	11.00
SPINACH, 24ct	18.00	18.00
SQUASH, Grn, 1/2bu	12.00	15.00
SQUASH, Yllw, 1/2bu	15.00	15.00
STRAWBERRIES, 8/1qt	26.00	32.00
TOMATO, Grnhs, lg, 25lb	14.00	16.00

**SHIPPED IN**

	Low	High
APRICOT, 72ct, CA	24.00	24.00
ARUGULA, 4/5bu, CN	12.00	14.00
BASIL, 15s, NJ	16.00	18.00
BEANS, Grn, bu, GA	17.00	19.00
BLUEBERRY 12/1pt, NJ	16.00	18.00
CANTALOUPE, 12ct, GA	14.00	15.00
CHERRIES, Bng 10rw,	28.00	34.00
CUKES, 1-1/9bu, md, NJ	22.00	24.00
ESCAROLE, 1-1/9bu, NJ	12.00	14.00
GRAPES, Flme, 18lb, CA	24.00	30.00
NECTARINES, 25lb, CA	26.00	26.00
PEACHES, 1/2bu, 2-1/2, GA	24.00	26.00

(Boston Terminal and wholesale grower prices)

**NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION**

June 18, 2012

Bulk/ High/ Low Dressing

**SLAUGHTER COWS:**

Breakers 75-80%lean	82.00-84.00	86.00-87.00	77.00-80.00
Boners 80-85% lean	79.50-83.00.00	84.00-88.00	74.00-77.00
Lean 88-90% lean	75.00-78.50	79.00-82.50	68.00-73.00

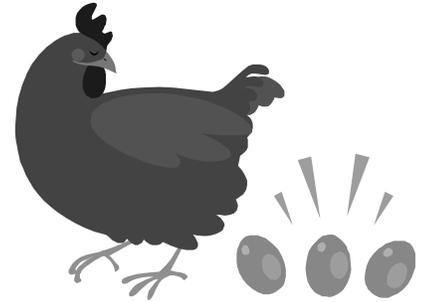
**CALVES: All prices per cwt.**

Graded Bull Calves: Number 1	95-115lbs	190.00-200.00
	80-90lbs	200.00-240.00
Number 2	120-130lbs	150.00-165.00
Number 3	95-120lbs	130.00-160.00
Holstein Heifers: Number 1	80-110 lbs	190.00-240.00

Slaughter Bulls-810-1680lbs-104.00-109.00

**SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Non-Traditional Markets:**

Wooled & Shorn Choice and Prime 2-3	50-60lbs	186.00-200.00
	60-80lbs	180.00-200.00
	80-90lbs	180.00-192.00
	90-110lbs	172.00-190.00



**WEEKLY NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS**

Prices paid per dozen. Grade A brown egg in carton delivered store door. (Range)

XTRA LARGE	139-149
LARGE	129-139
MEDIUM	98-108

**NORTHEAST EGG PRICES USDA**

June 18, 2012

Prices to retailers, sales to volume buyers, USDA Grade A and Grade A, white eggs in cartons, warehouse, centers per dozen. (Range)

EXTRA LARGE	105-109
LARGE	103-107
MEDIUM	75-79

**PENNSYLVANIA HAY REPORT**

June 18, 2012

Eastern Pennsylvania, prices per ton.

Alfalfa, Premium	220-325
Alfalfa, Good	150-200
Mixed Hay, Premium	240-325
Mixed Hay, Good	150-200
Timothy, Premium	200-220
Timothy, Good	150-185

110-130lbs 182.00-188.00

150-200lbs n/a

Wooled & Shorn Choice 2-3

40-60lbs n/a

60-80lbs 163.00-176.00

80-90lbs n/a

90-110lbs 156.00-172.00

**SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3: Med. Flesh**

120-160lbs 66.00-86.00

150-200lbs 68.00-86.00

200-300lbs n/a

Utility 1-2: Thin Flesh

120-160lbs 54.00-72.00

150-200lb n/a

**SLAUGHTER GOATS: All goats are**

Selection 1, sold by the head, on est. weights.

30-40lbs n/a

40-60lbs 110.00-152.00

60-80lbs 145.00-175.00

100-110lbs 168.00-177.00

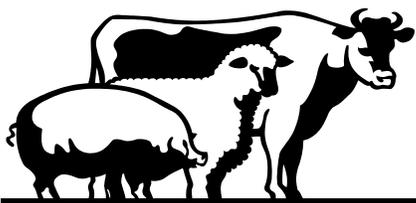
100-120lbs n/a

Nannies/Does: 80-130 lbs 125.00-144.00

130-180lbs 141.00-160.00

Bucks/Billies: 100-150lbs 177.00-194.00

150-250lbs 192.00-210.00



## ADVERTISEMENTS

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10-R. Nationwide Agribusiness Insurance Program, endorsed by the CT Farm Bureau, save up to 23% on your farm insurance and get better protection. References available from satisfied farmers. Call Marci today at 203-444-6553.

68-R. Vicon fertilizer sower. Model # 2219. Very Good. J.D. Model L.A. tractor. Completely restored. Call 860-871-0171. Cell 860-559-5031.

78-R. Tobacco Poles, Used. \$10 each. 12 ft long, good condition: 860-683-0266

83-R. Tomato stakes, trailer decks, fence boards, custom cut lumber, Staehly Products Co. LLC, 860-873-9774

91 Kinkelder Orchard mist sprayer. 50 & 100 gallon tanks. Good condition. 860-564-3615.

92-R Landpride 3-pt hitch, 60" Finish Mower. New condition, used 1 season, \$950. Telephone poles and railroad ties. Call Bruce 860-465-7543.

98-R Hoophouse 76' x 26', already taken down. \$3,500 or best offer. Wax boxes, 2" lay flat hose, other supplies. Call 860-248-3070 or email [vegetablemanager@earthlink.net](mailto:vegetablemanager@earthlink.net)

105-R Narragansett turkey chicks, \$8 each. Frozen turkeys \$9 lb. Taking orders for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Breeders available \$50 each. Pick up in Colchester, CT. Call 860-303-9780 or 860-537-4773.

106-R Massey-Ferguson farm tractor, 251 XE 4-wheel drive, 53 HP diesel. 2002, 585 hours, always garaged, like new condition, asking \$15,500. Photos available, call Bob at 860-456-3333, Oak Haven Farm Scotland, CT.

107-R Beef Heifers. Some with calves. Others bred. Registered Highland and Gelbvieh mix. Docile, easy keepers. Call Diane days, 860-620-0194, evenings 860-621-6363.

109 NH 489 Haybine, Good Shape. Ready to go. Extra cutter bar, manuals. \$3,500 Pomfret. 860-974-3361.

110-R. Used tobacco netting. Great for protecting your blueberry bushes. 860-683-0266.

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### CT FARM-TO-CHEF WEEK TO RUN SEPT 16-22

The third annual Farm-to-Chef Week will run September 16 – 22, 2012. Restaurants, dining halls, cafeterias, and other eateries across the state will create special Farm-to-Chef menus featuring Connecticut Grown ingredients in each dish, and will offer them during normal business hours that week. Connecticut wines will be available at those establishments that normally serve alcohol.

Farm-to-Chef Week is a project of the Connecticut Department of Agriculture's Farm-to-Chef Program. For more information about the program, visit [www.CTGrown.gov/FarmtoChef](http://www.CTGrown.gov/FarmtoChef). Farm-to-Chef Week registration and sponsorship packages are available under the [Events](#) link on that page.

### SIGN UP FOR 2012 AG CENSUS BY JUL 1

The USDA is preparing to mail the 2012 Census of Agriculture to millions of U.S. farmers and ranchers in late December, and reminds producers to sign up before July 1.

The Census of Agriculture is a count of U.S. farms and ranches and the people who operate them. It serves as the leading source of facts about American agriculture and includes statistics on farms ranging from small, family operations to large corporations, and on farmers of all ages and types. A farm is defined as any place that produced and sold, or normally would have sold, \$1,000 or more of agricultural products during the census year (2012).

It is especially important for those individuals involved in agriculture who did not realize they qualify as a farm or have not previously participated in a census to sign up.

To learn more and to sign up, visit [www.agcensus.usda.gov](http://www.agcensus.usda.gov). All individual information will be kept confidential guaranteed by law (Title 7, U.S. Code, and CIPSEA, Public Law 107-347).

### NURSERY PRO PROGRAM BEGINS AUG 14

The Connecticut Nursery and Landscape Association's annual 13-week Connecticut Accredited Nursery Professional course teaches the basics of botany, plant identification, and professional technological information. Following the 13 class sessions, an examination is given to those persons wishing to attain Accredited Nursery Professional status, which is honored in all six New England states.

Most classes are held from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. each Tuesday night, beginning August 14, at Southington High School. Instructors are Dr. Mark Brand, Dr. Jessica Lubell, Dawn Pettinelli, Vickie Wallace, all from University of Connecticut; Amy Sampson, formerly of Naugatuck Valley Community College (NVCC); and Dan Dalton from NVCC.

Call CNLA 800-562-0610 for registration information.

### JUN 25 DEADLINE TO SUBMIT PROPOSAL TO TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD

The Town of Wethersfield is requesting proposals for the purchase of a 1.86 acre town-owned property at 138 Willow Street containing a single-family house and barns, commonly known as the Wilkus House and Barns. For a copy of the request for proposal instructions, go to <http://www.wethersfieldct.com/wilkus-sale>.

The deadline for submission of proposals is June 25, 2012, at 12:00 noon, to the Town Manager's Office.

The Town of Wethersfield reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals received as a result of this request, to negotiate with selected respondents, to extend the submission deadline for an additional period of time, or to cancel in part or in its entirety the solicitation.

### ELIGIBLE FARM-RELATED ENTITIES CAN APPLY FOR SBA DISASTER LOANS

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is offering federal economic injury disaster loans to small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small aquacultural businesses, and most private non-profit organizations in Fairfield and Litchfield counties as a result of frosts and freezes beginning March 1, 2012. Other agricultural producers, farmers, and ranchers are not eligible.

The SBA issued its own disaster declaration following that from the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture. Connecticut's Fairfield and Litchfield counties are eligible because they are contiguous to primary disaster counties in New York.

The program is available to eligible farm-related and nonfarm-related entities that suffered financial losses as a direct result of this disaster. Loans can be for as much as \$2 million with interest rates of 3 or 4 percent and terms up to 30 years, and may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable, and other bills that could have been paid had the disaster not occurred. The loans are not intended to replace lost sales or profits.

For more information on eligibility requirements and how to apply, please contact the SBA's Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955 (800-877-8339 for the deaf and hard-of-hearing) or [disastercustomerservice@sba.gov](mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.gov), or visit [www.sba.gov](http://www.sba.gov).

Completed loan applications must be returned to SBA no later than February 5, 2013.

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Connecticut is lucky to have many farmland preservation options. The Connecticut Department of Agriculture's Farmland Preservation Program is a strong network of land trusts committed to working lands, and the Farmland ConnectiONS Service at the University of Connecticut's Cooperative Extension System already works with towns and organizations. The New England Farmland Finder can be another source for these Connecticut programs to promote their work, and to get leads to effectively preserve and protect working farmland for families, municipalities, and non profits that inherit or purchase and protect this land.

Landowners, farm seekers, and realtors are encouraged to visit The New England Farmland Finder to post or search for farm properties and to check out resources. The site will become increasingly useful as more properties are added. This farm property clearinghouse is free, simple, up to date, and privacy protected. It contains information and resource links to inform and support farm seekers and landowners.

For more information, contact Jane Slupecki at the Connecticut FarmLink Program at 860-713-2588. The New England Farmland Finder was supported in part with funding from the USDA/NIFA Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program #2010-03067.



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